

SPEAKER: --giant. His hands encompass 1,000 hearts. His word brings order to chaos. He has stitched countless memories, sewn the patchwork of lost lives. Often in his quest for perfection, impatience flashes its teeth.

He knows that guardianship has its costs and he has paid dearly for his station. Too many of those lost to the void once danced within his personal circle of friendship. For them, and for the many, this man remembers.

Now, his time draws near, and others wait upon him. Now, that diminutive stature, which once barely contained the power within, does, indeed, seem delicate, fragile. His voice, once able to quake quilted walls, now barely has weight enough to disturb his own vocal cords. And the silence strikes, like hammer blows. Yet, as his life's book prepares its final paragraph, he knows that another pair of hands will reach out, not to replace, but to continue work already begun.

And this one was written after he died. This is "The Giant At Rest."

You died in your sleep-- peaceful, quiet. I can't believe you are gone. You were the first person to hug me, after the bloodwork came back. With the usual ease, you assured me that I'd be fine.

You were surrounded by reminders of how short life could be, and yet I thought you would live forever. I never imagined your time would run out, never to hear a well timed, now look, Helen, or, don't go there, Helen, again. Or see you with needle and thread in hand, sewing a lifetime into a memorial quilt.

My heart breaks at the reality of this loss. Just when I think the years have used up my tears for others, they flow again in rivers of stinging ice for you. I'll miss you, little giant. I know you'll be watching out for us, but I could sure use one of those hugs right now.

So I'll wrap my own arms around myself, and think of you, and what you meant to so many, and pick up the ink and paper embroidery of my own works. And I'll remember in my own way. Goodbye Pete. We loved you.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

BIG ROY Ooh, from Zrazy doing *Fall Until You Fly* to Deuce doing *The Whole Enchilada* off of their CD called *Windjammer*.

MCCARTHY: That's the music we play every week, bad music for *After Hours News and Views* with Big Roy and Chris, only it's just Christmas week.

JIMMY CARPER: Boy, oh, boy. I didn't realize my dreams had come true again.

BIG ROY What?

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Just wish I had enough notice.

BIG ROY [LAUGHING] I know, picky, picky, picky, picky.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, silly me. I'd liked to have known an idea that I could have prepared.

BIG ROY Yes. Yes. You're going to talk a little bit about Pride Week, but we're going to have somebody from the Pride Committee on next week.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, we're hoping to drag some of the Pride Committee people out here next week, second half of the show, to talk a little bit about some of the events. Because it's more than a weekend. It's more than a week.

BIG ROY It's a month. It's over a month actually if you count the Film Festival along with it.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: And that's already started, and we're going to be talking a little bit about the Film Festival.

BIG ROY You're going to be talking about Pride Day at Six Flags.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: I didn't bring the sheet there, but I know you have the card out there.

BIG ROY Yes.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: I'm sorry. I had to swallow. I thought--

BIG ROY Oh, OK.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: --you were going to be plugging Pride Day. We're going to do--

BIG ROY Let's see. Yeah, let's plug them right now. Pride Day, Gay Day, at Six Flags Astroworld is Saturday, June the 2nd.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: That's next Saturday.

BIG ROY Oh, yes.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: So we better talk about it now, because the show next week, it'll be over.

BIG ROY Yes, they'll be discussing the-- maybe we can get the Village People in here.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, that's a scary thought.

BIG ROY Well, it's not going to be the original Village People.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Well, it'd be--

BIG ROY Yeah. [LAUGHING] Yes, because they are going to be live in concert with special guests Evelyn "Champagne" King

MCCARTHY: and Thelma Houston. Boy, I mean this is dirty disco.

JIMMY CARPER: Thelma Houston, that's Whitney's mother?

BIG ROY Yep.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: My goodness, watching V1 has paid off in my life.

BIG ROY It certainly has. And the tickets are \$30 in advance. They include the admission and the access to the Pride

MCCARTHY: Committee's private picnic area, fully catered barbecue lunch, Village People live in concert, and a return ticket to Six Flags Water World, and a free admission ticket to Rich's on Saturday night.

JIMMY CARPER: So you can get nauseous on the rides, get stuffed with barbecue, get soaking wet.

BIG ROY And dance your ass off.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Well, if that's what you want to do it at Rich's.

BIG ROY Ooh. You may purchase your advance tickets at Basic Brothers, the Pride hotline, at 713-529-6979 or go to the

MCCARTHY: Pride website, www.pridehouston.org. Cool. And now, if you wait and you go to the gate to get your ticket, it's going to be \$35.

JIMMY CARPER: But it's all going to a good cause.

BIG ROY Oh, hell yeah. Hell yeah.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Because they don't charge an admission for the disco ball event of the Pride Parade

BIG ROY No.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: All right. So let's start off with the news. All the shout outs that Roy does, you know who you are, I don't.

BIG ROY Hey, Randy. I already talked to Randy.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

BIG ROY He wrote me a letter. I thought that was really cool.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, that's why you're drooling?

BIG ROY Yeah. Oh, come on. He's a nice guy.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: All right. OK. Now, for Roy, so if people see he's here. Anyway, the House passes DOMA Amendment. The Texas House took a third run at the Defense of Marriage Act Wednesday by tacking the provision onto a bill related to the Employee Retirement System of Texas. The amendment, offered by representative Dianne Delisi of Temple, prohibits the state from recognizing same-sex civil unions. The bill and the amendment passed on a voice vote.

"It is important for the state to define 'civil union,'" Delisi said, "and it's important for those of us in the House to say that marriage is between a man and a woman." Houston's representative Debra Danburg said, "among other problems, the provision was poorly-worded, because it used the term 'any relationship.' It is hateful, and it is also ineffective," Danburg said. "I hope Ms. Delisi feels really good about her gay bashing. It's going to cause a lot of problems in this state."

Representative Hupp of Lampasas defended Representative Delisi against Danburg's comments, calling them a "personal attack." So we'll be keeping an eye out on Austin and what their plans are for defense of marriage in Texas. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force announced on Monday the selection of long-time activist Lorri Jean as the group's new executive director only three days after former head Elizabeth Toledo stepped down following less than a year at the group's helm.

Jean, former executive director of the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center, will begin her duties as head of the National Gay Political Advocacy Group next month. "They hired me, because I have the best record in the country when it comes to running and building and stabilizing organizations and having some vision about what's good for the organization and its growth."

Toledo left the NGLTF for personal reasons, but she faced criticism from some gay activists because she was the sixth lesbian in a row to lead the group and because she'd been out of the closet for less than a year when she was tapped to head the national organization. For more information on the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, you can check out their website at www.ngltf.org. PFLAG Houston's June event will be on Sunday.

BIG ROY Sunday, Sunday, Sunday.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: June 3. The topic is Gay Couples in a Straight World. PFLAG Houston meets at Christ Church Cathedral, 1117 Texas. For more information on PFLAG, call 713-46-PFLAG or go to their website, PFLAGHouston.org. KPFT's own Ray Hill will be featured by the Stonewall Lawyers Association of Greater Houston as part of their Continuing Education Luncheon Series.

Ray Hill and William Habern will discuss how to advise your clients in the event they are taken to jail on Wednesday, May 30, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Blue Agave restaurant, 1340 West Gray. Unfortunately, there's not a phone number to contact the Stonewall Lawyers Association on that, but the tickets for that event is \$10 and you get a chance to meet KPFT's own Roy-- Ray Hill. Why did I say "Roy"?

On tomorrow, May 27, a celebration of life honoring Dr. Maria Minicucci, who died last week in Buffalo, New York, will be held at the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center. Deb Murphy, Minicucci's partner, invites everyone who knew her to attend and share memories and stories. A reception will follow. Maria was a well-known activist and feminist and immediate past president of the Community Center and was currently on the board of directors. She was a psychologist and was director of the Center for Creativity, Knowledge, and Change.

At Deb Murphy's request, individuals who wish to make donations in Minicucci's honor may send contributions to the Community Center, care of the Maria Minicucci Memorial Fund at PO Box 2304, Houston, Texas, 77252-2304.

Once again, the celebration of life for Maria Minicucci will be at the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center, the central resource for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered individuals at 803 Hawthorne at Stanford. The phone number is 713-524-3818, and that takes place at 4 o'clock tomorrow.

Don't forget the Pride Parade, America's original nighttime Pride Parade, is on Saturday, June 23, 2001, starting at 8:45 along Westheimer, between Woodhead and Stanford. Also returning this year, the Pride Festival on Sunday, June 24, at the Garden in the Heights at 3926 Fagan Street from 1:00 to 7:00 PM. For more information on the Pride Committee or the Pride Parade or anything Pride coming up here in the next few months, you can go to their website at www.pridehouston.org.

Memorial Day is Mary's Day, the 31st anniversary of Mary's, Naturally will be held on Monday, May 28th. They asked everyone to join them in a daylong celebration of their own longevity and durability and to find out what they'll be doing and what you have to be here. Mary's, Naturally is located at the crossroads of the community, 1022 Westheimer.

OK. That's entertainment by the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston, a celebration of music from the movies. We'll be featuring special guests from Austin, the Capital City Men's Chorus. That is on Saturday, June 16, and Sunday, June 17, at the Kaplan Theatre, Jewish Community Centers IW Marks Theatre Center at 5601 South Braeswood.

That's entertainment that's by the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston with the Capital City Men's Chorus from Austin. Now, we're going to talk a little bit about movies. I got two movie reviews for you. Or you got to plug in something first?

BIG ROY No. What I'd like you to do is do the movie reviews last.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Well, actually, all I have is the movie reviews and the NASDAQ report.

BIG ROY Oh, let's do the NASDAQ report.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, we want the NASDAQ report? All righty. The latest NASDAQ report has nine members on our survey of what entertainment costs will run you. The average is \$166.

BIG ROY Whoo.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: The mean is \$150, whatever that means. And the mode is \$150. A high of \$250, and a low of \$100. And to break it down a little bit more, the average in Houston will run you \$167, Dallas is \$150, and San Antonio is \$187.50.

BIG ROY That's really a lot higher than it used to be when we were getting the farm-to-market reports. It used to be like

MCCARTHY: \$100.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, I think we're getting a different breed of the clientele. I mean, not the clientele, but the service providers--

BIG ROY Yes.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: --out there.

BIG ROY This is not ISPs folks. [LAUGHING]

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: I think actually what you're getting is a lot of people that are out there, because they think it's a good way to make money.

BIG ROY Oh.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: And that's basically it.

BIG ROY I see.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: I think that's what you see a lot with some of these things with the pricing and that. And that's where that comes from, is someone who's not doing a service to the community or not there because they really want to be. They figure, hey, this is a quick way to make \$100 or so and that. And from what I've seen from actually other cities and with some of the larger agencies in that, those prices are actually kind of low.

BIG ROY Well, when you're talking New York or Los Angeles, you're talking about the big stars, the big adult male stars.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Not even adult male stars.

BIG ROY Really?

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: We're talking amateurs. I've seen stuff of \$300 an hour--

BIG ROY Wow.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: --on some of these. And I mean, the low ones of \$100 was in Dallas.

BIG ROY Well, there's a lot of competition in there.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yeah. I mean, there's a lot. Houston's \$135, \$150, \$150, \$150.

BIG ROY Yeah.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: I mean, Dallas has always had a large community for that purpose. Houston, it's very closed. It's not very well-known.

BIG ROY Yeah.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: If you check some of the websites that give information like this out, if you go through the list of Texas, you'll find probably 3/4 are Dallas.

BIG ROY Yes.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: And the rest is kind of spread between San Antonio, Houston, and not even as much Austin.

BIG ROY I've noticed that.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: I think you'll probably find more El Paso or Lubbock than you will Austin.

BIG ROY So, folks, if you don't have \$150 to spare, I want to remind you that May is National Masturbation Month.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Take matters in your own hand.

BIG ROY Go in hand and save a bundle.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Well, actually, there's an interesting thing. Because the movies that I've got to review on--

BIG ROY Yes.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: --they have a common theme with the month--

BIG ROY Oh?

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: --with that. Yes. First of all, *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*-- and I always had a problem remembering that it was "inch," not "itch."

BIG ROY Yes.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: But once you see the movie, you will be able to remember that it's "inch." Very funny movie. It had a sneak preview at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, on Thursday after the film festival's opening party. Basically, it's based on the acclaimed off-Broadway play by the same name, John Cameron Mitchell's *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*. It's a musical starring Mitchell as Hedwig, born Hansel in East Germany. And basically, Hansel wants to get out of East Germany so bad he'll do just about anything.

BIG ROY Oh, my.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: And he does.

BIG ROY He does.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: So now, he's in the States. The Berlin Wall comes down and is trying to get into the music business and befriends a young man, 17-year-old Tommy who he named "Tommy Gnosis," who steals all Hedwig's songs and goes in makes it big. So Hedwig is traveling around the country following Tommy. The difference is is, when they're like in St. Louis, Tommy is playing in Busch Stadium, Hedwig is playing at the Bilgewater Restaurant.

BIG ROY [LAUGHING] Yes, got you.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: And it's basically kind of a *Spinal Tap* meets *Behind The Music*.

BIG ROY Wow.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: It's very interesting, very entertaining, it's pure camp.

BIG ROY And the music is wonderful.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, it is. There's a couple of songs, once I could get a hold of the movie CD, I think *Origin of Love* would be a great one on here. And *Sugar Daddy* would be kind of--

BIG ROY *Sugar Daddy* is great. I've played *Sugar Daddy*. Yeah.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: I mean, there's a couple of them there that are really interesting.

BIG ROY I'm going to play *Tear Me Down*, which is, I believe, the opening number.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yeah. On the Berlin Wall, *Tear Me Down*.

BIG ROY *Sugar Daddy*, *Wig In A Box*, *Wicked Little Town*. Those are great songs.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. I mean, it was a very, very funny-- I mean, everyone was laughing and breaking out at the Museum of Fine Arts.

BIG ROY Good.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: The second movie is *Nico and Dani*, which is currently playing over the Landmark Greenway Plaza 3. Now, *Nico and Dani*, the actual original name of this, in Spanish is-- I lost it here. Oh, boy. Play along while I try and find the answer here.

BIG ROY Oh.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: *Krampack.* *Krampack*, which they couldn't put the English name in there. Basically, "Krampack," means, if you toss my salad, I'll scramble your eggs.

BIG ROY OK. [LAUGHING] I'm sure that means something to someone.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: That's where the--

BIG ROY I do have visuals. I'm thinking, yeah. Uh-huh.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Well, just remember what month it is. That'll help explain it.

BIG ROY I see.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Basically, it's a coming-of-age teenage love story with a gay theme. So of course, it's from another country. This time it's Spanish. The difference in this is only one of the two is gay. Dani is a 17-year-old gay, curious, typical horny teenager and his friend Nico is a average, horny, straight 17-year-old boy who participate in krampack, which is helping--

BIG ROY Mutual masturbation.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, it's one at a time, though. It's not together.

BIG ROY Well.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: It's get one off, get the other off.

BIG ROY OK.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Sort of thing.

BIG ROY Whatever.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: And so it progresses on and Dani makes a move on Nico and progresses on a little bit. And Nico is very, very straight and all that. It's not rated because between the homosexual themes and the drug use. The bad part is this, I saw more naked women's breasts in that than I saw a male butt.

BIG ROY Oh.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: But I enjoyed it. It was an interesting movie. It was real funny, especially, I think, it was mainly the translations.

Take your glasses, but it's large white type.

BIG ROY Oh, good.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: It's not that tiny, little yellow type that they throw up there. But it's an interesting coming-of-age story and you kind of start getting into it and it's an entertaining part. And the connection between *Nico and Dani* and *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, having to do with Masturbation Month, is both of them feature other people masturbating 17-year-old boys.

BIG ROY Well.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: See, I liked how Ernie, when he was on *Lesbian and Gay Voices*, was promoting this. And he actually promoted this, *Nico and Dani*, before the movie in this way. If you ever wanted to know what it's like to be a pedophile *Nico and Dani* will help you.

BIG ROY [LAUGHING] Oh, that's funny.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: But if you want to find out more about films at the Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, go to their website at www.HGLFF.org. If you want to find out about *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, go to www.get-hed.com. That is G-E-T, dash, H-E-D, the first three letters of "Hedwig."

BIG ROY Got it.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: And *Nico and Dani* is nicoanddani.com. And *Nico and Dani* is playing for the rest of the week at Greenway Plaza 3, and *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* will be coming back to Houston for the premieres at the end of August at Greenway 3.

BIG ROY Yeah, that'll be great.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: It's a very fun movie. When that comes back, I highly recommend going to see that one. And I know you're going to be seeing a couple of films coming up here this week.

BIG ROY Yes. Yes.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: I'm going to be seeing more films probably in this next two weeks.

BIG ROY Than I see all year.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, than I've seen in several years.

BIG ROY Yeah.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: I mean, I've already got plans for tomorrow. I sat down with the Gay and Lesbian Film Festival guide. I mean it's very slick-looking.

BIG ROY Where'd you get that?

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: You can get them at any of the venues that they have there.

BIG ROY Wow, that's nice. Well, and if you don't have one of those and you want to know what's going on, it's HGLFF.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: BIG ROY MCCARTHY: .org.

BIG ROY .org.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: They've got a pull-out in the *Houston Voice*.

BIG ROY That's the Houston Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, HGLFF.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. And like I said, you can pick up any of them at the venues, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; Aurora Picture Show; Landmark Greenway Theater; DiverseWorks; Rice Media Center; Angelika Film Center.

BIG ROY Yeah.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: I can't do it like Ernie. I have to have the--

BIG ROY You have to cheat?

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Yes. I was teasing Ernie when I saw him for the second night in a row. I saw him Thursday night at the Museum of Fine Arts, and I saw him at the Greenway Plaza.

BIG ROY Wow.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: I told him, I said, you keep showing up at these events, people are going to start talking.

BIG ROY [LAUGHING]

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: He said, they already are.

BIG ROY They already are, that's right. You are listening to *After Hours*, queer radio with attitude, right here on good old KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. In the third hour of *After Hours*, I've got the tape of the year, *Remembering Stonewall*. This is a half hour tape, and it was made around 1986. And the people here were interviewing folks who were at Stonewall the night of the raid, so I like to play this at least once a year. So this is the time. Yes?

JIMMY CARPER: Well, one last thing. If you want to send us news, information, stories, love mail, hate mail--

BIG ROY Dirty pictures.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: --you can email us at afterhourskpft@hotmail.com.

BIG ROY Yes. And since we were talking about *Hedwig*, I've got some music all geared up to go and it's the first song off of the CD. It's called *Tear Me Down*. And you will like this. Well, you've heard it before. We've played it many, many times, so here it is again.

JD DOYLE: These songs are part of our culture, which is celebrated on Queer Music Heritage, a part of Lesbian and Gay Voices on the fourth Monday of every month at 9:00 PM hosted by JD Doyle. I play a little bit of everything. And mostly, I just don't think the music of our past should be forgotten and I slip in songs from the present as well. It's all about us.

DOUG (SINGING) Hang your clothes in the closet anyway and wear yourself with pride. [VOCALIZING]

STEVENS:

[MUSIC FADING]

BIG ROY That's right. Queer Music Heritage, heard every fourth Monday, right here on KPFT Houston at 9:00 PM on Monday, that fourth Monday. And that's coming up this next Monday. That's the second half of that show. That's part of Lesbian and Gay Voices.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

BIG ROY And that show was heard every Monday night, 8:00 to 10:00, with Jack and Joan and Glenn and whoever else.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Whoever else.

BIG ROY Yeah. I mean, they always have wonderful interviews. I mean, all kinds of different folks, folks that don't stay up late enough to be on this show.

JIMMY CARPER: On this show. Yeah.

BIG ROY I'm Jimmy Carper, and Bobby's here. What's going on in the month of June with you?

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

BIG ROY [LAUGHING]

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

BIG ROY I'll just go there.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: On June 28, an interview will air that I did for Channel 8 on the show *Weekday*. It used to be *Weeknight Edition*.

They've changed the name.

BIG ROY Now, it's *Weekday*.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Now, it's *Weekday* since, after all, it can't very well be called *Weeknight Edition* if it airs twice a day, once during the day and once at night.

BIG ROY I guess not.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: They got kind of logical there, I guess. I don't know know. Whatever.

BIG ROY [LAUGHING]

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: But they asked me to be part of an interview, part of a segment that they're doing on same-sex domestic abuse.

BIG ROY Ah. Well, you know all about that.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: And now, there's a subject that's--

BIG ROY Yeah.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: --near and fear to my heart.

BIG ROY Yeah. No kidding.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: I've spent four years-- and they asked me to talk about what went on during the four years of my relationship to the person who I affectionately now refer to as "demon spawn." Yeah. So it's supposed to air June 28.

BIG ROY OK.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: And during-- let's see. 12:30 and 10:00 PM.

BIG ROY OK. We'll be talking more about it in the coming weeks.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

BIG ROY But I wanted to get that out now, at least early, because it's going to be just chaotic.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: Pride Month always is.

BIG ROY The whole month, yeah. Because there's so much going on. You just cannot go to everything. There's no way.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: I think I solved that problem by not going to dang near anything except for the Pride Parade and stuff. And I'm actually going to be in the parade.

BIG ROY Good for you.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: For the first time.

BIG ROY Me, too. I'll be with Gulf Coast Archives and Museum.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: And I'm going to be part of the Gay Pagan Group.

BIG ROY Good. Oh, that's cool. That's cool.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: I'm playing Pan. And it's going to give a whole new meaning to the phrase "horny little."

BIG ROY There you go.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: And we're talking about Pride Parade, which is, this year, June 23.

BIG ROY Lots of people say, well, what's that all about? And I always say it's about the Stonewall Rebellion that happened

MCCARTHY: on June 27/28 on 1969. And say, what's so special about that? Well, it's kind of the birth of the modern day GLBT revolution. It's when we finally woke up and said we have every right as anyone else. We've never asked for any kind of special rights. We just want the rights that everyone else has.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. And 30 years later, we're still--

BIG ROY Yeah. Well, we've got a lot of it, especially in the past few years. But people don't understand, well, why do you

MCCARTHY: need a Gay Pride? And it's because we've been hammered down all of our lives.

JIMMY CARPER: We've spent too many years being told to be ashamed of it.

BIG ROY Yes. Yes. And it's where we can remember our revolution and remind ourselves that not only do we have a place at the table, we have a right to have a place at the table. And this tape that's coming up, made in about 1986, talks to people who were actually at the Stonewall riots.

It includes an interview with Seymour Pine, who was the sergeant that was with the group of police that raided the bar and what happened. It also talks with Sylvia Rivera, who was there, and many other people, who they don't even give their names, about what happened.

JIMMY CARPER: The human brain comes up with some strange things.

BIG ROY Yeah.

MCCARTHY:

JIMMY CARPER: And that name just conjures up a whole string of really tacky jokes.

BIG ROY And it's amazing even how Seymour Pine had changed in 1986 on his outlook on gay and lesbian people, so this

MCCARTHY: is wonderful. This is your history, folks. And this is why we celebrate and we parade in June. It's a celebration of this event. And we'll be back in 30 minutes. That's how long the tape is. And we'll maybe talk about it, play some music, see what's going on.

JIMMY CARPER: There you go.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

MICHAEL SHIRKER: Today, this white two-story building across from Sheridan Square in Greenwich Village is a clothing store and a closed Chinese restaurant. 20 years ago, this was the Stonewall Inn. I am Michael Shirker, and I'm working on the first comprehensive history of the Stonewall Riots. In 1969, the Stonewall was one of the most popular gay bars in New York City and, like all other gay bars, was routinely raided by the Vice Squad.

The patrons of these bars, many of whom were frightened at having their identities revealed, would quietly submit to any orders coming from the police. Yet, on June 27, 1969, that all changed. The patrons of this bar, with the drag queens at the forefront, decided to fight back against the police. What happened here on that night would spark a revolution.

GEANNE HARWOOD: I am Geanne Harwood, and my age is 80.

HARWOOD:

BRUCE MERROW: I'm Bruce Merrow.

MERROW:

GEANNE HARWOOD: He also would like to know what your age is.

HARWOOD:

BRUCE MERROW: My age, 78. Yes.

MERROW:

GEANNE I don't know if it's really true. But now, people do refer to us as the two oldest gay men in America. We do, I
HARWOOD: think, have maybe a record relationship of almost 60 years together. Bruce's memory started going bad in 1984. Fortunately, we have our music together, which we've done over the years. We've written any number of--